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Veteran Citizens Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB)

Meeting Summary

September 16, 2010 2-4 p.m.

Bellevue King County Library

1111 110th Ave. NE - Bellevue

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ron Forest at 2:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Ron Forest, Oren Hadaller, Doug Hoople, Gary Kingsbury, Kathy Lewis, Robert Stephens, Jr., Roger Welles

Board Members Excused/Absent: Stan Gunno, Vice-Chair, Francisco Ivarra, Cynthia Lefever, Chair, Bill Wood

King County Staff Present:: Pat Lemus, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Laird Heia, DCHS; Bill Goldsmith, DCHS; Janet Salm, DCHS

Guests: None

A quorum was declared.

Outreach Request for Proposal (RFP) Update – Pat Lemus, DCHS

As a result of the RFP process, Levy funds were awarded to El Centro de la Raza and Community Psychiatric Clinic to provide outreach services to women veterans and veterans of color. Since neither of these agencies is providing targeted services to the African American community, arrangements are being discussed for two agencies to provide outreach services to African American veterans through subcontracts. Pat Lemus provided details on the contracts with El Centro de la Raza and Community Psychiatric Clinic.

Discussion: Q: How is military sexual trauma being addressed in the contract? A: Pat will check with the contracted agencies to see how they currently work with those who have experienced Military Sexual Trauma.

Mid-Point Evaluation and Performance Report – Bill Goldsmith and Janet Salm, DCHS

Bill and Janet, Evaluation Unit staff reviewed the *Mid-point Evaluation and Performance Report* that was recently presented to Council.

They explained the purpose of the report, its linkage to the Service Improvement Plan (SIP) and how the report is structured. Specific successes of the levy programs were highlighted. The relationship to the County-wide strategic plan was also noted.

Discussion: The VCLOB members valued the significant work that went into the development of the report and indicated they would like to see it broadly distributed. It was recommended that a discussion on the subject be added to the November meeting agenda.

Levy Closeout Plan – Laird Heia, DCHS

Laird Heia presented the Levy Closeout Plan to the board.

While the best scenario for the Veterans and Human Services Levy is that it will be renewed when it goes before the voters in the fall of 2011, it is necessary to create a plan for the potential closeout of the Levy in the event the levy is not renewed. The closure process will provide an orderly “ramp down” of levy services and ensure the highest need and most vulnerable clients are transferred to alternative service systems before the levy services end. Program managers for Levy funded projects will develop close-out plans during 2011 that describe how services will be ramped down.

The Levy Renewal Plan will be discussed at the November meeting.

Review of Meeting Summary

The draft July 22, 2010 meeting summary was approved as written.

Chair’s Report

- None

King County Staff Report – Laird Heia, DCHS

- A Military Trauma Conference will be held October 27-29th at the SeaTac Doubletree Hotel. The levy is one of the sponsors of the conference and board members are welcome to attend.
- The Combined Notice of Available Funding (NOFA) has been released for both capital projects and housing supportive services. Oversight Board members are again being asked to participate in the review process. *(Staff Note: Since this meeting, Doug Hoople agreed to review the capital projects. Bill Wood was suggested as the RHSLOB representative with Robert Stephens, Jr. providing back-up on the supportive services projects.)*
- The Valley Cities (VC) Landing housing facility ribbon-cutting was held on Friday August 27, 2010 and was a great success. Many thanks to Kathy Lewis, Roger Welles and Francisco Ivarra for participating in the event. It was a very moving and successful ceremony for all involved.
- The Levy Veterans Phone Resource being implemented by the WDVA is now operating. The number is 1-877-904-8387 (VETS). The database is still in development and will probably be deployed by the end of October. Feel free to share this number with others. Marketing materials will be following shortly.

NW Justice Project Update – Doug Hoople

Doug announced that Lauren Peach, the newly hired Equal Justice Works-AmeriCorps Fellow and Steve Frederickson with the Northwest Justice Project will attend the November 18th VCLOB meeting. Lauren and Steve will inform members of the work that is beginning with this project.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- There will be no VCLOB meeting in October. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18th. The location is to be determined.
- Gary Kingsbury invited everyone to join the Northshore Senior Center for their Veterans Day Luncheon on Thursday, November 11 from 12 – 1pm at the Foundation House in Bothell. Councilmember Ferguson will provide an update on the levy.
- Doug Hoople encouraged those interested to attend the East King County Veterans and Human Services Forum to be held on Thursday, October 7th, 11:30 – 4:30 at the North Bellevue Community Center located at 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue WA 98007. Registration and brown bag lunch begins at 11:30. Topics covered will include: Veteran Culture, Women Veterans, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and VA Services. The levy is one of the sponsors of the event.
- Kathy Lewis encouraged everyone to attend the Veterans' Day parade in Auburn that will be held Saturday, November 6, 2010 at 11:00 AM. It's one of the largest Veterans Day parades west of the Mississippi.
- On August 21st a barbecue was held at Seward Park for over 500 veterans and their families.

Petitions/Communications (Public Comment)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.